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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/609,176	Applicant(s) PAOLANTONIO ET AL.	
	Examiner Rina I Duda	Art Unit 2837	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 10, 11, 23 and 24 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 6-9 and 17-22 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 12-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 June 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-5 and 12-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Paff et al (US patent 5801770).

Claims 1 and 12, Paff et al describe a surveillance apparatus comprising means 26/41 for decoding commands for a camera action, means 2 for setting a state of a state machine based on the decoded command; and means 28/43 for instructing a position control process and a speed control processes based upon the state of the state machine, as described in column 6 lines 30-67, column 7 lines 1-8, and column 8 lines 51-67.

Claims 2 and 13, Paff et al describe that one of the states for the machine is a manual state, using a joystick, see column 8 lines 49-56.

Claims 3 and 14, Paff et al describe that one of the states for the machine is a target state see column 10 lines 18-25.

Claims 4-5 and 15-16, Paff et al teaches that the tilt and pan motors are controlled with non-linear currents and speed control signals that gradually increase and gradually decrease, see column 7 lines 19-35, column 8 lines 57-67, and column 9 lines 1-15.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 6-9 and 17-22 are allowed.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The primary reason for allowance is that the prior art made of record does not teach an apparatus or method for detecting a plurality of pan/tilt positions in a stepper motor driven video surveillance camera in order to detect a home pan/tilt position comprising placing a plurality of position sensors on a slip ring assembly of a surveillance camera and resetting the pan/tilt motor step count to a desired motor step count at each of the position sensor locations, wherein when the camera is not panned/tilted through a full tilt/pan range of motion to detect a home sensor, at least on said position sensors is used to reset the pan/tilt motor step count to a desired pan/tilt motor step count.

Election/Restrictions

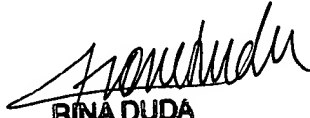
5. Applicant's election without traverse of group I (claims 1-9 and 12-22) is acknowledged.
6. This application contains claims 10, 11, 23, and 24 drawn to an invention nonelected without traverse. A complete reply to this office rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rina I Duda whose telephone number is 571-272-2062.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Martin can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext. 41. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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